WORK SESSION
NOVEMBER 5, 2013

In compliance with Chapter 231, OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT of the State of New Jersey, adequate notice has been given to all members of the Governing Body, the “Local Source” and the "Westfield Leader" the two newspapers designated to receive such notice. The notice is posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board.

Mayor Paul N. Mirabelli called the meeting to order at 8:07 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Mirabelli, Councilwoman Andre, Councilman Dierkes, Councilman Lane, Councilman Mortimer, Councilman Turner, Attorney Post and Administrator Debbie. Also present were Recreation Director Frank Masella, CFO Jill Goode, and Public Works Manager Ronald Romak. Councilman Messler was absent.

Discussion was held regarding a request for a road opening permit at 297 Cherry Hill Road. Joanne Kennedy is requesting permission to open the street to install a gas line that will enable her to have an emergency generator installed to power her home in the event of an electrical outage necessary due to her health issues. Mayor Mirabelli recommends exploring other options with the Borough Engineer and Zoning Officer before they consider waiving the moratorium.

Discussion was held regarding the need for a resolution covenanting to comply with the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), and designating the $3,302,541.90 Bond Anticipation Note as a “qualified tax-exempt obligation”. The proper resolution will be prepared for the November 26, 2013 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding a proclamation for the Watts Foundation at the reorganization meeting. The Council would like to invite and present the members with a proclamation in January for all they have done for the community.

Discussion was held regarding a recreation refund. Recreation Director Frank Masella recommends a refund to Jenny Disko after her son changed his mind about joining the basketball boot camp. The proper resolution will be prepared for the November 26, 2013 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding a raffle application from NJ Association of Twin Mothers Club Inc. for a 50/50 off premise draw raffle. The Mountainside Education Foundation also submitted applications for a casino night, on premise draw raffle and 50/50 on premise draw raffle. All the applications are in order and the proper fees have been paid. Action to approve the raffle licenses will take place at the meeting of November 26, 2013.

Discussion was held regarding a request by the Tax Collector for the tax sale redemption of Block 3.N Lot 33. It is requested that the Finance Officer be authorized to issue a check plus premium to the lien holder for the redemption of this tax lien. The proper resolution will be prepared for the November 26, 2013 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding quote recommendations from the Borough Engineer for TV inspection of sanitary sewers. Three quotes were submitted and the lowest price was from Oswald Enterprises, Inc. at $17,500 and under the bid threshold. The Council agreed with the Engineer's recommendation to award to Oswald Enterprises.

Discussion was held regarding the request from the Finance Officer for a Chapter 159 resolution to include a special item of revenue into the 2013 municipal budget for Hazard Mitigation Grant in the sum of $142,080. The funds will be used to purchase generators at the Library and Rescue Squad. The proper resolution will be prepared for the November 26, 2013 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the submission of a grant extension for the Municipal Alliance Grant. The extension is required in order to transition the grant to a fiscal year rather than a calendar year cycle. The proper resolution will be prepared for the meeting of November 26, 2013.

Discussion was held regarding the Fire Department. The new fire pumper was parked outside for the Council to see and it passed all the necessary inspections. There is a need to purchase scott packs since they no longer meet the guidelines so the department applied for a grant from the Watts Foundation and received funding for a thermal imaging camera and radios and was denied the request for scott packs. They need three tank sets to make all three trucks operational at a cost of approximately $15,000 to $18,000. The Chief estimates $10,000 is available in their budget to cover most of the cost. Their goal is to replace tanks and scott packs yearly as needed. Mayor Mirabelli commended Councilman Lane and Councilman Turner for working on the Fire Committee.

BILLS & CLAIMS:

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Dierkes and seconded by Councilman Turner:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside that the following bills of the persons named and for the amounts stated below, having been duly audited and found to be correct this 5th day of November 2013, the same

be paid after Council's review, if and when funds are available and that the Mayor, Council President, Administrator and Treasurer are hereby authorized and directed to sign and deliver warrants for same in the amount of $81,210.75 (Copy of bill list attached)

Roll call: Ayes: Andre, Dierkes, Lane, Mortimer, Turner. Nays: 0.

Upon motion by Councilman Lane and a second by Councilman Dierkes, the following resolution to adjourn to closed session was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey permits the public to be excluded from certain matters to be discussed by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to discuss litigation and contracts which are matters where the exclusion of the public is permitted; and

WHEREAS, public disclosure of the results of this discussion will be made as soon as the matters discussed have been resolved by the Governing Body of the Borough of Mountainside;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside that the aforesaid matters shall be discussed in closed session upon adoption of this resolution.

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:30 P.M.

The meeting was recalled to public session at 8:40 P.M.

Upon motion by Councilman Mortimer and a second by Councilwoman Andre, the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Martha Lopez, Borough Clerk